



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 488

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The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through SEN. PETERS of the 20th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECORDING OF SITING COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS AND REQUESTS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF SITING COUNCIL DECISIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 16-50p of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsection (h) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2002*):

3 (NEW) (h) An electronic record shall be made of a certification
4 proceeding or an amendment proceeding, which record shall be
5 maintained by the council for not less than two years. A copy of such
6 record shall be available at all reasonable times for examination by the
7 public without cost at the principal office of the council. A copy of such
8 record shall be filed at an appropriate public office, as determined by
9 the council, in each municipality in which the facility or any part
10 thereof is proposed to be located.

11 Sec. 2. Section 16-50p of the general statutes is amended by adding
12 subsection (h) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

13 (NEW) (h) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4-181a, when
14 considering a request for reconsideration pursuant to subsection (b) of
15 section 4-181a, the council shall issue a written decision containing a
16 statement and full explanation of why the council refused or granted
17 such request.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2002</i>

ET *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Fund-Type	Agency Affected	Current FY \$	FY 03 \$	FY 04 \$
CC&PUCF - Cost	Siting Council, CT	-	5,280	5,280

Note: CC&PUCF=Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a cost of \$5,280 per year to the Connecticut Siting Council by requiring electronic recording of certification proceedings. The council holds 2 proceedings per month at a cost of \$220 per proceeding.

OLR Bill Analysis

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The law requires a certificate from the Connecticut Siting Council to build various energy and telecommunications facilities. This bill requires that a proceeding to grant or amend a certificate be recorded electronically. The council must keep the recording for at least two years, and make it available for examination without charge at its principal office. It must file a copy of the record in an appropriate public office, as it determines, in each municipality in which the facility or part of it is proposed to be located.

The bill also requires the council to issue a written statement explaining fully its reasoning when it grants or denies a request to reconsider one of its decisions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2002 for the recording provision and October 1, 2002, for the reconsideration provision.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 15 Nay 0